

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): An EL phosphor multilayer thin film, wherein a phosphor thin film and a dielectric thin film are stacked one upon the another, said phosphor thin film comprises a matrix material containing an alkaline earth thioaluminate as a main component and a rare earth element as a luminescent center, and said dielectric thin film comprises a perovskite oxide.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The EL phosphor multilayer thin film according to Claim 15, wherein the matrix material is a barium ~~thioaluminate~~ thioaluminate.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The EL phosphor multilayer thin film according to Claim 15, wherein the rare earth element is Eu.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The EL phosphor multilayer thin film according to Claim 15, wherein the alkaline earth oxide is barium titanate.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The EL phosphor multilayer thin film according to Claim 15, wherein the dielectric thin film has a specific dielectric constant of 100 or greater.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The EL phosphor multilayer thin film according to Claim 15, wherein the dielectric thin film has a thickness of 100 nm or greater.

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Claim 21 (Previously Presented): An EL device comprising the EL phosphor  
multilayer thin film as claimed in Claim 15.

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BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 15-21 are active in the present application. Claims 1-14 have been canceled.  
Claim 16 has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. No new matter is added.